

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2003

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Brown, Councilmen Forrester, Norris, Thomas, Walker, Calhoun, Director Burns, Attorney Pruitt, County Council Clerk, Carol Chrisley

ABSENT: Chairman, Ray Gunnells

I. Vice Chairman Brown called the meeting to order with prayer given by Councilman Thomas.

First item on the agenda was approval of minutes for regular meeting of February 24, 2003. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

II. Presentations:

A. Presentation of resolutions to Brandy Andrews and Debra Tiller of Piedmont Tech.

B. Presentation of Commendation to Donna Deason. Councilman Norris made a motion to commend Ms. Deason for professional achievement in the superior performance of her duties while serving as a Paramedic for Abbeville County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

C. Presentation to Augustus Wilson honoring him for his years of dedicated service to the residents of Abbeville and to his commitment to the betterment of the quality of life for the County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

IV. Old Business:

A. Consideration of 3rd Reading to extend the Donalds-Due West Service Area Further into Western Abbeville County. Councilman Walker made a motion to leave this item on the table. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an ordinance to amend Ordinance 3-7-77 (Abbeville County Ordinance) regulating the placement, size, height and location of off-premise signage in unincorporated Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to send this to the Planning Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously. Motion was also made by Councilman Walker and seconded by Councilman Norris to leave this item on the table. Motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business:

A. Approval of resolution to transfer funds from salaries to other line items for the Library. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of an ordinance to amend the budget ordinance to increase the revenues for the Library-fines, fees, etc. Councilman Norris made a motion to have 1st Reading to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

C. Buddy Agan, Public Works Dept., to discuss taking roads into the County Road System. He addressed council by saying that the existing ordinance governing the matter is vague and he wondered if the ordinance suits the needs for 2003. The county does not have standards for roads which are not paved and needs to set standards for these roads before they are taken into the county system. The question was referred to the public works committee.

D. Consideration to approve a resolution for Emerald Center for assistance in the purchase of a 15-passenger bus to transport individuals with disabilities and special needs. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolutions that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

E. Resolution authorizing the EMS Commission to participate in the SCAC set-off Debt Collection Program. Director Burns noted that EMS charges insurance companies and individuals for its services and when people do not pay, the debt may be taken off their income taxes. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed unanimously.

V1. Director's Report:

A. Approval to purchase furniture for new office. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve this request up to \$2,200 that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

B. Director Burns noted that there were a number of letters in council's packet from citizens regarding the Wright Middle School and the disposition of it. He reminded Mr. Thomas and Norris that there will be a meeting on March 12th at 7pm along with the city and himself to discuss alternatives and options for the school.

C. Mr. Burns reminded members of the Personnel Committee of the meeting scheduled for 6:00pm. in the upstairs conference room.

D. Mr. Burns informed council of the budget meetings that will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

E. The Auditors would like to meet with the Finance Committee as soon as possible to go over their findings before they present the entire audit to council.

V11. Executive Session:

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A. Discussion of legal issues in the County. Councilman Walker made a motion that we enter into executive session to discuss legal issues. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously. After reconvening regular session Vice Chairman Brown announced no action discussed in executive session that required any action at this time.. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed unanimously.



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